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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

The local curlers have been busy lately making ice in their rink.

Ray Erford and wife have moved to Calgary. Ray is working in the Ogden shops.

The will be a big hushaloo on New Years' Eve in the Community Hall when the 22nd battery stage their annual calcey.

John Koefoed was in Calgary on jury duty last week. He was one of the jury men at the namebrag trial.

No attempts has yet been made to make ice at the arena owing to a shortage of water.

Mr. McLeay who is attending school in Olin, had the misfortune to break three ribs. He is improving nicely.

Mrs. H. Skogmo and children of Winnipeg arrived in town last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Skogmo. At the present time her husband Harvey, is with the Canadian army overseas.

Mrs. Vic Jennings and family have moved to Calgary where they will reside in future. Vic is on the civilian staff at Currie Barracks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy of Hanna were visitors to Mr. C. Starcher last week. They were here to attend the funeral of their son, Ernest.

Bob Prowse's auction sale was very successful despite the dirty day. Cars and more cars were parked all over the farm. The lunch was served by Red Cross and was enjoyed by all.

Members of the U.F.W.A. held a quilting bee at Mrs. A. P. Wilson's home where the afternoon was spent in quilting a wool quilt for the Red Cross.

What we cannot understand is why every man who is physically able, has not joined the army of marching men.

Perhaps it is the lack of martial music heard these days that has something to do with it. In the old days bands were always playing marches and the gramophone or phonograph records of band music and mostly marches. A lot of this music made a man feel he wanted to march and fight. Now a days what have we? A meaningless music heard over the radio morning and night, day in and day out.

This music does not make a man want to fight. The only time we ever saw a man want to fight to the modern day was when he went to a dance and took a couple of good snorts, then he was ready to clean up everybody in the hall. If the broadcast stations would give us military marches day in and day out every mother's son in the country would want to join something or another and fight.

OBITUARY

MRS. ETHEL M. ENGSTROM

Mrs. Ethel Madeline Engstrom, daughter of Mrs. C. Bartosh, died in a Calgary hospital last week after a short illness. Deceased was 29 years of age and was born in Gleichen. Her husband, who is a member of the 22nd overseas, was killed in action. Mrs. Engstrom is survived by two mother; a daughter seven years of age; two sisters, Mrs. D. Nichol of Calgary and Mrs. R. Desjardine of Gleichen. Mrs. Engstrom was preceded by her father after an illness in September of this year.

The funeral took place Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, services being held in St. Victor's Church by Rev. P. Label after which internment was made in the local Catholic cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. O. Desjardine, P. Desjardine, N. McMillan, E. Holland, W. Campbell and W. Boos.

NOTES FROM LOCAL RED CROSS ROOM

(Mrs. S. E. Dufos Convenor)

Last week we sold a large sack of cotton yarn netting the Red Cross \$4. We also acknowledged a donation of \$1 from Mrs. Gilbert. Thanks are extended to the Macdon and Esterson for the loan of their dishes and cutlery for the Old Year's Banquet.

We are pleased to acknowledge re-

British Wellington bombers damaged by enemy action off the Farol landings are never entirely lost. But the scarred aircraft are flown to repair depots where they are stripped, examined and overhauled. Damaged parts are replaced by new sections, and the aircraft tested and returned to service within five days. When damage is too severe, the machine is dismantled, all usable instruments

U.F.W.A. ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

The U.F.W.A. annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. Walker with 42 members and 1 visitor. After opening the meeting with two songs the roll call was answered by "White Nights for Christmas." Adjuncts were read and the correspondence attended to.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. A. Wilson. Vice-president, Mrs. W. McKeever. Secretary, Mrs. K. Burnie.

Directors: Miss Goodwin, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Blaney and Mrs. MacArthur.

Report on Red Cross work during the year and work on quilts was given by Mrs. McKeever. The ladies made 16 quilts, knitted 4 sweaters, seamen stockings and socks and cash donations to the Red Cross.

The Polly Anna friends turned out to be very interesting each receiving during the year a birthday gift and also a wedding anniversary gift. The Xmas basket was very much enjoyed, all receiving a Xmas box with great joy.

A bulletin was read by Mrs. Goodwin and proved to be very interesting. An enjoyable hour was spent while the tea was served by the hostesses and helpers. The next meeting will be in the new year at the home of Mrs. MacArthur on Jan. 8th.

Prior to the annual meeting of the U.F.W.A., a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Karl Sammons when there were 18 members and one visitor present. Bulletins were read by Mrs. George McLean and Mrs. H. Burnie. In a contest held Mrs. McMillan won the prize.

Receipt of a very nice refugee quilt from the U.F.W.A. this week.

Eleven more parcels have been made up for local boys overseas and have been mailed. Cigarettes also will be sent through the tobacco company. It is becoming very difficult to keep correct record of addresses of these boys. We would appreciate the parents friends co-operating in supplying us with the most recent address they may have.

The Teen Age Girls Auxiliary have been their first quilt and a very fine sample it is. Work is going ahead on two more. Making surgical dressings and brushing up on first aid is also occupying their attention.

We have a circular advising us of the importance of salvaging certain old materials needed in the war: old rubber, old tires, old rubber footwear, metal, mixed rags of all kinds except rayon.

The Red Cross ladies will again get to the midnight lunch at the New Year's dance. There will be a beautiful cut drawn for that night, so it is to get your tickets.

The annual meeting of the Red Cross will be held early in January when reports of the year's activities will be heard and election of officers will take place.

THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

(By Don E. Campbell)

Alberta's war guest children will speak to their parents in the Old Land through the medium of gramophone records specially made for the occasion. According to C. B. Hill of the Child Welfare Branch, it was impossible to arrange for radio transmission of messages, so the alternative method was chosen. Mr. Hill obtained the co-operation of radio stations and while the guests were recording the speakers were photographed, in most cases with Alberta foster-parents. Records and pictures will reach the parents in Britain together. About 80 have been made so far and others are to be ready for New Year's greetings. Alberta is the only province carrying out the idea.

Methodical publicizing of Alberta's oil resources in the Athabaska tar sands area is being carried out by John R. MacNeil, M. P. conservative member for Toronto-Danforth. In recent speeches he has stressed the immediate exploitation of this resource as a part of the war effort. He claims that in the event of attack on Canada, this area would be Hitler's greatest prize. Supporting this argument, he cited the present reports that German interests had wanted to run a pipeline from the oil fields to the Pacific. "There is only one oil field big enough to warrant such a line. That is the Athabaska sands," said Mr. MacNeil.

Voicing the Alberta Debt Adjustment Act by a majority decision of the Supreme Court of Canada has brought no immediate reply from provincial government ministers. It was stated that until proper information has been received and this has been discussed by the cabinet, no official statement will be issued. There are other protective measures on the statutes, including the moratorium act which may be made effective by order-in-council.

Streamlining the organization of the Alberta Poultry Producers Marketing Board, an additional producer member has been appointed in C. H. Rhodes of Brantford prominent for many years as chairman of the poultry section, Alberta Federation of Agriculture. Membership now comprises four producers and one government representative. In consequence of new policies determined by the board that body will henceforth deal with operative measures, and C. E. Christensen will act as general manager.

Announcing the board's new organization, Hon. E. C. Manning urged all producers to co-operate in the interests of the poultry industry.

Edmonton is proud of her inter-estate farmers who took part in the Chicago show. Wheat grown on a city lot by William Miller and soup pans of field variety grown by J. A. Herby and J. David were prime products.

One king has been trying for nine years to reach top honors. Now he plans to aim at three-in-one.

Most members of the University of Alberta presented submissions to a special committee appointed by the provincial government to inquire into university matters. Acting dean of agriculture, H. B. Shuckler gave first submission.

Parts removed, and the rest resmelted and made into other machines. This picture was taken at a Wellington repair depot and shows the renovation of a Wellington bomber aircraft nearing completion.

The rum issue by Fred Jones. This Column Given to News of the Gleichen Branch of the Canadian Legion.

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I said I would write you from some part of Canada and so far as I am concerned it is another world although not so greatly different from the Kootenays where we have been for the past few months. On our way here we did not have a chance to see the dairy bridges which give so many a thrill (and also a chill) to us as we look back on the old world. The next day near Spencers Bridge we saw the engine which had gone over the bank a short time before in which the engineer and fireman were killed. It lay on its side too far down the slope to be recovered intact and workmen could be seen taking it apart. Most of the scenery consisted of mountains and forest until we reached Atna and from there the grass as green as ever was seen in Ireland spread out in small fields with trees and streams. Vancouver ended our rail journey and we had three or four hours to look the city over, that is those who were not guarding baggage, etc. I and two or three others were left at the docks but took time on watch and had time to get a good lunch up town and to briefly look around.

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Encouraging response to the recent "buy in Alberta Trade Marked goods" week held throughout the province is reported by officials of the

Alberta Marketing Board. Information received from various retailers showed that many lines of home manufactured goods were cleared out completely early in the campaign.

ITEMS OF INTEREST OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore are taking over the Prowse farm and will henceforth operate it.

H. W. House won the prize at the shooting competition held at the Battery recently.

C. Blackie who has been night operator at the C. P. R. depot here for several years has been promoted and is now located in Medicine Hat.

Sales of Alberta coal in Ontario rose 157 per cent in the past six months according to information released from Ottawa by the coal administrator. The total was 135,544 tons. For several months past the department of trade and industry, through direct advertising and through the office of Trade Commissioner Clarry, has sought to broaden the eastern market.

Vic Ramberg who with his wife was charged with the murder of their child in Calgary last week, is well known in Gleichen. As a boy Vic lived in Gleichen for years with his parents and practically all his education in Gleichen schools. His many Gleichen friends were pleased to learn that he and his wife were found not guilty of the murder charge. Mrs. Ramberg is not known by many people here.

Placement of children for adoption from the Child Welfare organization has reached the high total of 549 this year. Of this number, 185 were infants born in 1941. The placement policy has been so satisfactory that the usual Christmas campaign to win homes for homeless little ones will not be carried out as in former years. Many of the children go to fine homes well supplied with this world's goods. All go to families worthy of receiving and caring for them. In the 21 years that Mr. Hill has been connected with child placement he has had about 20,000 children pass through his hands. His prodigious memory enables him to recall names and faces with uncanny accuracy.

FOR SALE—Feeder pigs and weaners. Also potatoes. John Hill Gleichen.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

December 21st.
Holy Communion 11 a.m.
Christmas Day Dec. 25th Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

I would like the children to be present at the service on Christmas morning at 11 a.m. There will be carol singing at the service Christmas morning.
Rev. L. T. Pearson B.A., (Incumbent).

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 22—Xmas Tree at Meadowbrook Hall.

SEEDTIME HARVEST

Dr. K. W. Nisley
Director, Alberta Department
North-West Line Elevators Association

SEED SUPPLIES

It may seem a little early to begin thinking about seed, but it may soon be too late to secure good seed of coarse grains and forage crops. The farmer who waits until the end of March to discover that he needs 30 or 100 bushels of seed barley will probably find it necessary to use third-rate stuff.

The demand for feed grains this winter in eastern, as well as western, Canada, combined with the shortage of elevator storage space, is resulting in a rapid turnover. Then, also, harvesting conditions were so bad in many districts, resulting in large quantities of damaged and sprouted grain, that local seed shortages will be numerous.

The Agricultural Department of The North-West Line Elevators Association does not hesitate to advise a germination test for all oats and barley seed this year. Samples of wheat, oats, barley, flax and rye need only be delivered to a grain buyer of any line elevator company associated with this Department in order to obtain a reliable test.

Any farmer who knows now that he will require seed oats or barley next spring, should take immediate steps to secure the required amount. The situation respecting supplies of grass and clover seed may be similar, and delay in ordering may lead to disappointment in the spring.

Of course, many farmers will be unable to decide upon the question of coarse grain and forage crop seed requirements until the Dominion Government announces a wheat policy for 1942.

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THE RUM ISSUE

If you can stand the rain this time of year, you have had one bright day in a week, while the rain pours down with the most generous abandon imaginable. But even the rain is swell, warmer than an Alberta summer day. You don't even need gloves and warm. Blackbirds, gulls and crows are everywhere, while around the docks hell divers, sea ducks and gulls fight over every dead salmon floating down the river and streams.

I am not going to coax you all to leave Alberta to come rushing over here, because many of the prairie boys hate it. One soldier told me he would not trade a snowflake for the whole of B.C., so I could only reply that he could never have tried to crank a Tin Lizzie at 20 below. So there you are boys! Where you like and where you fancy but I will try and tell some more next week.

I am going to stick my neck out again and predict that unless Russia's new counter drive really keeps the enemies out of Moscow—Oden, Moscow and Leningrad that we will be at war with Japan probably before this is printed, but she may try hold off and try to save her face if it looks as if the Nazis have failed. The Nazis will be through in Russia forever if their drive breaks down. The coast is all new and interesting to me so I am not sorry to leave



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by all the former Gleichenites whom I knew and whether we go to Burma, Hong Kong or Singapore I will still never be ashamed of Gleichen, the town of cows and cypresses.

Lights out!

RED CROSS APPEALS FOR AID TO ASSIST RUSSIA

"The courage and sacrifices of the Russian armies in the gigantic struggle now going on have not only earned the profound admiration of the whole democratic world but have also created an earnest desire in all sections to send them all possible aid," declared J. T. Thomson, Minister National War Service.

Endorsing the Dominion wide appeal of the Canadian Red Cross for \$50,000 to purchase medical and hospital supplies for the Soviet Union, the minister said it should be one of the most popular appeals ever presented to the people of Canada. "I am confident," he added, "that this appeal will meet with a ready response and I urge all sections of the Canadian public to support it wholeheartedly. By doing so, we will not only be aiding our own cause, but demonstrating to our Russian ally our sympathy for the gallant fight they are waging."

In Britain, he declared, Mrs. Winston Churchill has announced that the British Red Cross, in addition to its other heavy war responsibilities, is raising \$5,000,000 for medical aid for Russia, while Australia, New Zealand and other parts of the Empire have also started similar appeals.

"Individuals and groups in all parts of Canada have urged that a national appeal for Russian aid be undertaken and the government is pleased that the appeal has been united under the Canadian Red Cross whose vast experience in meeting medical needs will ensure that the best possible use of the money is made," he said.



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